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Lieutenant General (Ret) John F. Goodman is the Director of the Center of Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (COE). The Center of Excellence is a Department of Defense organization that promotes excellence in civil-military international disaster preparedness and management, humanitarian response, and peacekeeping operations.

The COE was established by Congress in 1994. The Center supports the United States Pacific Command's implementation of its Theater Security Strategy by developing understanding and collaboration among militaries and military and civilian disaster preparedness responders and provides a focal point where regional civil and military leaders come together to explore, prepare and analyze their national preparedness plans in order to rapidly respond to and manage natural and manmade disasters and complex humanitarian situations.

LtGen (Ret) Goodman entered the Senior Executive Service on October 14, 2008, following 41 years of active military service in the United States Marine Corps and in the United States Army. His last military assignment was as the Commanding General of United States Marine Forces Pacific. A tactical jet pilot with more than 4100 hours, General Goodman commanded organizations from squadrons and Marine Expeditionary Brigades through Marine Service Components and possesses extensive planning and operational experience.

General Goodman has acquired extensive knowledge in contingency response and operations, contingency preparedness planning and exercises, and international disaster preparedness efforts. He has led or has participated in more than ten disaster response and humanitarian support operations, most recently leading U.S. Joint Task Force Caring Response, the United States relief effort in response to Cyclone Nargis in Burma.

Additionally, General Goodman participated in operations in Vietnam, Kuwait and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

In addition to his operational experience, General Goodman served as the Director of the Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting, the Director of the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Program, and the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy at the United States Southern Command, United States Korea Command, Combined United States-Republic of Korea Command and United Nations Command Korea. Additionally, he served as Chief of Staff for the United States Southern Command.

General Goodman led the development of U.S. Pacific Command's Consequence Support Force 503 functional support plan to address the United States' military response to the threat of an Avian Influenza Pandemic outbreak. In this capacity, he engaged extensively with Asia-Pacific nations on the topic of avian influenza and their national pandemic preparedness planning.

General Goodman's personal military awards include the Navy-Marine Corps Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with two stars, the Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Star with Combat V, the Purple Heart, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

General Goodman earned a bachelor's of science degree in business administration and accounting from Arizona State University. He is also a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, the Marine Corps War College and the United States Pinnacle Strategic Planning course. His experience, also, includes playing intercollegiate football and baseball, as well as professional football for the New Orleans Saints and service in the U. S. Army prior to entering the U.S. Marine Corps in 1971.